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In SUPPORT OF HB 5293: AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMALS IN TRAVELING ANIMAL ACTS

Honorable Members of the Environment Committee

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Anyone who has been to the popular Big E and seen animals shamefully displayed as “entertainment” and subsequently die.. know that HB 5293 is long overdue.

In an earlier, unenlightened time people may have brought children to circuses to see the animals. Today there are many more and better ways to teach children about wild and exotic animals that don’t involve cruelty.

In Connecticut, both Stamford and Bridgeport have wisely created municipal bans preventing circuses from performing in their cities. This ban now has to be statewide.

As members of the Environment Committee, please take this important step to stop animal cruelty and showcase Connecticut for its progressive view of entertainment by supporting HB 5293.